Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, whether it is the idea of this Government that these reconstruction schemes will be launched upon only after the termination of the war ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That will entirely depened upon the nature of the proposals.

Mr. President: May I remind the Hon'ble Member of what I stated yesterday morning. I think I gave sufficient indication as to what the Government proposals are.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Even with that helpful suggestion Sir, as I had the benefit of reading the Diwan President's speech over again may I know whether it is the idea of the Government not to launch upon any of the reconstruction schemes till the termination of the hostilities ?

Mr. President: I may answer that and say that it depends entirely upon how the situation develops. If materials become available at reasonably cheap rates, we may embark on some of those schemes before the termination of the war. The termination of the war is used in this connection as meaning a time when the price of materials and the cost of labour return to a normal level.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural):* Is not re-construction after the war ?

Mr. President: Not necessarily. As and when circumstances permit.

11. **Mr. B. M. Peter** *(Latin Christians-Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) has the Government given any basic plan for the officer in charge for the post-war reconstruction ;

(*b*) if so, will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the same on the Council Table ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No. (Please see the answer to Question No. 10 (*b*).

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians):* May I know whether the officer in charge of the department has begun his work ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, he has started work.

ANCHAL PEON MADHAVAN NAYAR—PUNISHMENT OF

12. **Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Anchal peon Madhavan Nayar attached to the Vadakkancheri Anchal Office has been departmentally punished recently, *i.e.*, in the year 1119 ;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the punishment was and grounds for the punishment ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The anchalman was reduced from Rs. 13 to Rs. 12 for two months for misconduct.

ANCHAL PEONS—PAY OF

13. **Mr. M. Krishna Menon** *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the present pay of Anchal peons ;

(*b*) whether the work of Anchal peons has not increased owing to war conditions ; and

(*c*) whether it is not necessary to increase their pay ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Rs. 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A permanent increase of Re. 1 has been sanctioned this year to all Anchalmen in their pay and the Anchalmen in the towns of Ernakulam, Cochin and Trichur have been sanctioned a war allowance of Re. 1 in addition. All get the usual dearness allowance.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether the Government are aware of the minimum salary given to the Post Peons ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know the number of Anchal Peons in the State ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The figures are available in the printed Budget.

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Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will it not be possible to raise the pay a little more say by one rupee ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Their pay has been increased by Re. 1.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will it not be possible to increase it by another one rupee ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No at present.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Has not the work of the Anchal Peons increased very much because of the introduction of the Anchal Hundies and the payment of money orders ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* For extra work, extra men have been appointd.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Even the existing hands have got more work.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* As a matter of fact a temporary increase has been allowed.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Has the Government enquired whether the Anchal Peons are able to deliver all the letters given to them the very same day.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* If there is too much of work the remedy is to appoint more peons. Giving them something more to do something which they cannot do will not solve the problem,

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are not the Post Offices working side by side with the Anchal Offices in the State ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has any enquiry been made as to what the peons of the Postal Department are being paid ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is difference in the grades of pay of officers of this State and that of British India, and it may not be possible for Government to make the pay equal.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* My question is whether any enquiry has been made as to what they are drawing ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

BEGGAR RELIEF FUND—APPLICATIONS FOR CONTRIBUTION

14. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received application for contribution from the Beggar Relief Fund;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative the number of such applications and the individuals and institutions who have submitted such applications ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (1) Mother Superior, House of Providence, Ernakulam.

(2) President, the Waifs and Strays Relief Association, Ernakulam.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether the Government have enquired whether these people are keeping any beggar homes.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We have not gone into that question because there are no funds now.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Has all the 50,000 rupees finished?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is almost finished.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* When were these applications received.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Immediately after the Committee began to function.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Has any reply been given to them ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What will be the balance now in hand.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It will be about 2 to 3 thousand rupees.

15. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the number of applications received for contribution from the prospective Beggar Relief Fund;

(*b*) the names of institutions or individuals ?

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